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Post 1260

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Brothers and Sisters of the VFW,

With the March meeting coming up, I hope it brings some spring weather with it. We have been in the deep freeze for quite awhile now, but we have been use to being shut up or closed in for a long time anyway and I think there is a warm up coming, but I believe along with it will some measurable snow. Were tough that's why we live in Minnesota.

Now that we can get out a little bit, we will be having our regular membership on Tue. March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.at the Eagles Club Rooms. Also, on the following Sat. March 6th, we will be hosting the 9th District meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at noon and the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

I want to let all the members know that those who can make our regular meeting on Tue. evening to do so, as we will be having nominations for election of officers for the coming year. Our April meeting will be election, with the installation of officers during the May meeting so get out and vote, please do.

This I took from the Action Corps Weekly. VA COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout: This week, VA, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, and Phillips held a webinar focused on how veterans and caregivers can access the COVID-19 vaccine. VA offers COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for caregivers participating in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

**9th District Meeting in
Bemidji—March 6th**

Next Two Months Meetings

April 6th

May 4th

The panel discussed how eligible veterans and their caregivers can receive their COVID-19 vaccinations at any VA facility and should be immunized at the same time. Veterans who never used their VA benefits can contact their local VA office for information regarding the vaccinations, and VA's distribution plan. Veterans and caregivers can sign up for updates and express their interest in receiving a vaccine, which will help VA with their vaccine supply.

Also On January 1, 2020 the Department of Defense expanded in-store military exchange and commissary shopping privileges as well as MWR resale facility use to:

- All Veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war
- Caregivers or family caregivers registered as the primary caregiver for a veteran in the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

On the lighter side: Pay attention you teachers this is for you. MAKING BABIES, the six-year-old girl came home from school and informed her mother that today in class they had learned how to make babies. The mother, rather shaken by the development, immediately called the teacher. After listening to the mother for a few minutes, the teacher responded, "Ask her to explain how it is done and call me back," replied the teacher. "So how DO you make babies?" the mother asked her daughter. Proud of her new knowledge, the little girl responded, "You just drop the 'y', Mommy, and add 'ies.'".

Bruce Malterud, Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting - Tuesday, March 2nd

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 18, 1974 - The five-month-old Arab oil embargo against the U.S. was lifted. The embargo was in retaliation for American support of Israel during the Yom Kipper War of 1973 in which Egypt and Syria suffered a crushing defeat. In the U.S., the resulting embargo had caused long lines at gas stations as prices soared 300 percent amid shortages and a government ban on Sunday gas sales.

March 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Second Battle of the Somme began as German General Erich von Ludendorff launched an all-out drive to win the war.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

NOTICE: VFW website: www.vfwpost1260.org. All updated information is available concerning our local VFW Post #1260 as well as our state and national information.

VFW Post #1260 Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 2nd

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Eagles Club

Mar 1st – All Scout of the Year applications are due to Post Commander

Mar 2nd – Post 1260 General Membership Meeting

Mar 6th – VFW District 9 Meeting at Post 1260 (1 PM)

Mar 17th – St Patrick's Day

Mar 19th – Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Begins (2003)

Mar 25th – National Medal of Honor Day

Mar 27th – Passover begins

Mar 29th – Vietnam War Veterans Day

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

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January 1, 2021

Dear Community Supporter,

Thank you for offering to assist the Warrior Expeditions “Warrior Paddle” Program, a non-profit outdoor therapy program that supports veterans transitioning from their military service by paddling all 2,320 miles of the Mississippi River. By hosting our veterans in your community, you are providing them with a much-needed rest from their journey in addition to helping them reintegrate into society by establishing meaningful relationships between them and your community’s veterans and citizens.

Listed below is a list of recommended types of support that are the most beneficial to our veterans who are paddling the Mississippi River:

Transportation: Providing rides to and from the riverhead is greatly appreciated, especially when communities are located farther than walking distance from the river.

Lodging: Taking a shower, doing laundry, and sleeping in a bed are very welcome after a week on the river. Community members sometimes offer to take our veterans home for the night, while others have provided motel rooms.

Meals: Typically, our veterans burn between 4,000 and 6,000 calories per day while on the river so any meals that could be provided would be greatly appreciated.

This year, due to the pandemic, all Warrior Expeditions veterans will be vaccinated prior to starting their expedition. Additionally, they will wear masks while in town and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Attached are the biographies of our 4 Mississippi River Warrior Paddle veterans and our Warrior Expeditions Annual Report for your reference. To assist with community support coordination, please feel free to contact Sarah Zeller at szeller@warriorhike.org or at 845-270-3185.

Sincerely,

Sean Gobin

Executive Director

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OUR SACRIFICE

<u>Conflict</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
American Revolution	50,000
Northwest Indian War	1,881
War of 1812	20,000
Mexican American War	17,435
Civil War—Union	646,392
Civil War—Confederate	~524,000
Dakota War of 1862	263
Spanish-American War	4,068
Philippine-American War	7,126
World War I	320,518
World War II	1,076,245
Korean War	128,650
Vietnam War	211,454
Afghanistan War	20,147
Iraq War	32,292

NOTE: There are other smaller conflicts not listed where service members sacrificed their lives

Afghanistan & Iraq source:

<https://www.defense.gov/casualty.pdf>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



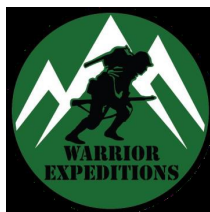
(Palm Sunday) O Lord Jesus Christ, as on this day we recall Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem, enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them wholly unto Your will. O King of grace and glory, come into our lives with all Your strength, gentleness, and goodness. We acknowledge You as Savior and redeemer, give You our joyous homage, and pledge never-dying loyalty. **Amen.**

(Lent) O God, by the example of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, You have taught us the greatness of true humility, and now have called us to watch with Him in His suffering. Help us to take the towel and basin and in humbleness of spirit to wash the feet of those who most need our ministry. Give us the graciousness to serve one another in all lowliness and thus fulfill the law of love on the Name of Your Servant, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Passion) Almighty God, You have revealed to us in the life and teaching of Your Son the true way to a good life may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness and obedience to Your will may be a crown of thorns. Give us the grace to learn these hard lessons. May we take up our cross and follow Christ in strength of patience and constancy of faith; may we have such fellowship with Him in His sorrow that we may know the secret of His strength and peace, and see, in our darkest hour, the shining of Eternal Light. **Amen.**

SPOT LIGHT ON....

Biographies of our 4 Mississippi River Warrior Paddle veterans



Name: William Christopher
Hometown: Leavenworth, KS
Branch: United States Army
MOS: Field Artillery
Service: 1990-2016
Deployments: Iraq, Afghanistan



Name: Brian Dales
Hometown: Summerville, SC
Branch: United States Air Force
MOS: Physical Medicine
Service: 1992-2013
Deployments: Iraq



Name: Eric Endries
Hometown: Edenton, NC
Branch: United States Army
MOS: Armor Officer
Service: 1990-2011
Deployments: Somalia, Iraq



Name: Harry Gardner
Hometown: Pooler, GA
Branch: United States Marine Corps
MOS: Adjutant
Service: 1987-2018
Deployments: Saudi Arabia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghani

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Army to Test New Anti-Missile System to Protect Tanks, Bradleys and Strykers
19 Feb 2021
Military.com |
By Matthew Cox

The Army will soon start testing a Lockheed Martin anti-missile defense system designed to work with the service's M1 tanks and Bradley and Stryker armored vehicles.

Under a three-year agreement announced Tuesday, Lockheed will provide its Modular Active Protection System, or MAPS, base kit, which includes a framework of vehicle sensors and countermeasures designed to detect, track and destroy rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank guided missiles, according to a company news release.

Lockheed began working with the Army to develop its MAPS technology in 2014.

"Since then, the MAPS base kit has proven itself in multiple live-fire demonstrations," said David Rohall, program manager for Advanced Ground Vehicle Systems at Lockheed Martin. "We're ready to support integration and testing on a variety of Army combat vehicles, the final step before the Army makes a formal decision on fielding this capability."

Source: military.com



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 21, 1943 - A suicide/assassination plot by German Army officers against Hitler failed as the conspirators were unable to locate a short fuse for the bomb which was to be carried in the coat pocket of General von Gersdorff to ceremonies Hitler was attending.

March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

March 24, 1934 - The Philippine Islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.

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POST AUXILIARY

Greetings Everyone,
On Saturday, March 6th, we are scheduled for a District Meeting to be held in Bemidji. I hope you will be able to join us for this gathering of VFW members, and Auxiliary members. It is always good to share ideas with other Auxiliary groups, and see what other groups are doing to help veterans and their families. We could also use your help for the meeting so we make sure it is a suc-

cess when it is held in our location. If you can help – please contact me to let me know.

If we are able to get permission to deliver them, we will be making some Easter decorations to be taken to local nursing homes. These small decorations help brighten the veteran's room, and help them remember we are proud of their service. With Covid 19 it has been difficult, but perhaps sometime this spring we will also be working on another batch of approximately 40 towel buddies to have ready to hand out to veterans. It is fun to get together and do these projects with other Auxiliary members, and wonderful to be able to deliver them to our veterans.

In March we will also be taking more nominations for our officer positions for the coming fiscal year. Nominations will remain open for the March and April meetings, and we will hold the elections at the close of our meeting in April. New officers will be installed at our May meeting, and will take office the beginning of July. Please give some thought to whether or not you may be willing to be nominated and run for an office in our Auxiliary.

Again – if you have ideas how we could better serve our local veterans and their families, please get in contact with us. The more informed we are, the better we can fulfill our purpose. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

Best Regards,

Margaret Booge
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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Commander Bruce Malterud and Quartermaster Kelly Booge Presents Cedrik Barrett with a \$250.00 scholarship from VFW Post 1260, Two were unable to attend which received scholarships of \$250.00 each. All three from Kelliher High School.

Not in attendance: Tera Schuh-Dietrich-\$750; Trinity Schuh-Dietrich- \$250

POINTS OF CONTACT

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Support Numbers

Education: <http://www.mymilitaryeducation.org>

Health Care: 1-877-222-8387

Suicide Prev. Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723

Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK

VA Community Outpatient Clinic-Bemidji: 218-755-6360



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 121

Members volunteered: 49


Total dollar: \$910

Current Members: 223

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